

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37% of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their heads. With the inability to swim affecting people's lives in a broad spectrum of ways with direct negative implications on American's quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Adult drowning is a problem we can solve—teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of United States Masters Swimming; and

WHEREAS: The Swimming Saves Lives Foundation makes available grant resources to adult swimming programs in Arkansas so they may teach potentially thousands of adults who might not otherwise have the opportunity to swim; and

WHEREAS: The grants to the adult swimming programs for the Adult Learn to Swim program is privately provided by the charitable and generous contributions of 60,000 USMS members and supporters; and

WHEREAS: April is the ideal month for this designation as pools and other bodies of water open for the spring and summer seasons; and

WHEREAS: Nationally, April is being recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month, and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness and health to our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2016.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State